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1. KUWAIT NEWSPAPERS AUG. 28 REPORT THE SIGNING BY DEFENSE AND INTERIOR MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD ABDALLAH AL-SABAH OF AN ORDER TO RELEASE FROM CUSTODY NASIR MUHAMMAD ALI ABU KHALID, THE CRIPPLED, ONE HIJACKER OF THE MEA PLANE WHICH ON JUNE 5 WAS DIVERTED TO KUWAIT FROM ITS SCHEDULED BEIRUT-BAGHAD ROUTE. ABU KHALID, WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY ALL CONCERNED WITH HIS CASE AS BEING A HARMLESS MENTAL DEFICIENT, WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SOURCES THAT ABU KHALID WILL BE DEPORTED TO LEBANON. INTERESTINGLY, THE TWO PALESTINIAN ACTIVITISTS ABOARD THE ILL-FATED AIRCRAFT WHO WERE ARRESTED AND QUESTIONED AT LENGTH BY KUWAIT AUTHORITIES FOR BEING

IN POSSESSION OF FORGED KUWAITI PASSPORTS ARE, CONTRARY TO EARLIER PRESS ACCOUNTS, STILL UNDER DETENTION IN KUWAIT. WE ARE TOLD THAT INTERIOR MINISTRY WILL PROBABLY DEPORT THEM ALSO, WITH LIKELY DESTINATION BEING IRAQ. MAESTRONE

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